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In Re Application of: Hall et al.
Serial No.: 10/774,550
Filed: February 9, 2004
Art Unit: 3736
Examiner:
For: Magnetically Navigable Telescoping Catheter and Method of Navigating a Telescoping Catheter

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Dear Sir:

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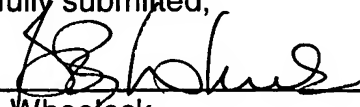
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best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) and, in the course of such search, will review for relevance every document listed on the attached Form even if not initialed.

Applicant earnestly solicits early and favorable consideration. If the Examiner should have any questions with regard to this filing, he or she should contact the undersigned attorney at (314) 726-7500.

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